



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5533

House of Representatives, April 10, 2018

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. LEMAR of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-37t of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Housing, in consultation with the Connecticut
4 Housing Finance Authority, shall prepare the state's consolidated plan
5 for housing and community development in accordance with 24 CFR
6 Part 91, as amended from time to time. The consolidated plan for
7 housing and community development shall set forth the state's
8 housing development and housing resource allocation goals for
9 affirmatively furthering fair housing in accordance with 42 USC
10 3608(e)(5) and shall report on progress made toward such goals in the
11 previous five years.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	8-37t
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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill has no fiscal impact because the Commissioner of Housing already includes the components specified in the bill as part of her required reporting to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None*Sources: Department of Housing*

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5533*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.*****SUMMARY**

By law, the commissioner of the Department of Housing, in consultation with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, must prepare the state's consolidated plan for housing and community development (ConPlan) every five years to receive federal block grants and ensure that state funds are spent as state law requires. This bill requires the commissioner to additionally: (1) specify in the ConPlan the state's goals for developing housing and allocating resources to affirmatively further fair housing in accordance with federal law and (2) report on progress made toward the goals over the previous five years.

Under federal regulations, to "affirmatively further fair housing" means to take meaningful actions that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Protected characteristics are race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and having a disability or type of disability (24 C.F.R. § 5.152).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***ConPlan***

Generally, the ConPlan includes (1) a housing and homeless needs assessment, (2) a housing market analysis, (3) a strategic plan identifying the state's housing priorities, and (4) an action plan outlining how resources will be used to effectuate the state's housing

priorities.

Federal regulations already require the strategic plan to include a summary of federal and state resources the state expects to be available to it and how its proposed distribution of funds will address the needs identified in the ConPlan. Federal regulations also require that the action plan include an evaluation of the state's progress toward its stated goals.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 6 (03/26/2018)